(d) whether Australian Government has urged Air India to take action against its Sydney Airport Manager, if so, what is the result?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) On a complaint received from the Department of Transport, Australia, the Director General of Civil Aviation investigated the incident through the Regional Controller of Air Safety, Bombay. There is no evidence available with DGCA to show that Air India tampered with the evidence. Immediately on receipt of the complaint from the Department of Transport, Australia, DGCA instituted an enquiry.

(d) Air India has taken suitable administrative action in this regard.

Review of List of Category I Drugs for Inclusion in Category II

2712. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 156 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was assigned the task of drawing a list of drugs for National Health Programme but it was not given any authorisation to suggest transfer of drugs from the list of category II;

(b) whether it is a fact that few officers are involved in taking an about-turn in respect of vague Rifampicin on the pressure from industrialists;

(c) whether Rifampicin involves high technology Streptomycin, Dapsone, Pilocarpine, Hydrocortisone, Pyrimethamine, Timelol, Sulphamethoryrazine etc. and some of them are not even produced in the country.

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to review the list of category I and recommend the transfer to category II of all the drugs involving high technology; and

(e) whether the decision to recommend transfer of drugs from list I to list II in consonance with the Cabinet decision, if not, what steps have been taken to fix responsibility in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (e) While Ministry of Health in the begining had recommended certain drugs used for National Health Programme for their inclusion under Category I, it had also examined various representations received by it had recommended for consideration of recategorisation of Rifampicin in order to ensure abundant availablity of the drug for its use in TB and Leprosy patients.

The question of technological inputs that go into the production of essential drugs is taken care of and confirmed by the Ministry of Industry.

The spirit of the Cabinet decision relating to various aspects of the Drug Policy is to ensure abundant availability of essential drugs of good quality at reasonable prices. Deptt. of Chemicals is to monitor any undue increase of price due to categorisation or any other factor and to take remedial measures. In view of this, the question of "about turn" regarding Rifampicin does not arise.

Inclusion of Diptheria, etc. Under Price Control Order

2713. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1065 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what steps the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken to get Diptheria, Tetanus, Portussis and Triple antigen included under

Price Control Order, these are available in plenty and there have been no imports during last four years;

(b) whether the Ministry took up the matter for their inclusion under price control after sending recommendations;

(c) if so, the details threof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry is aware of price increase of 141 per cent in Tetanus after the intervention of Department of Chemicals; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to control the prices by the Ministry to make them available at reasonable prices to the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND F MILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) and (e) The vaccines used for the EPI Programme have been recommended for inclusion under category I of the DPCO 1987 to the Department of Chemicals.

(d) Any unjustified increase in the price of drugs/vaccines is monitored by the Depart of Chemicals for taking remedial measures.

Negligence in baggage clearance at Indira Gandhi International Airport

2714. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to incident of low alertness and at times grossly negligence in baggage clearance at Indira Gandhi International Airport; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken to provide more effective security measures at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) There is no fall in the alertness or negligence in baggage clearance at Indira Gandhi International Airport. However, security arrangements are constantly monitored with a view to improving them.

Profusion of Pan Masala Brand in the Market

2715. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a profusion of pan masala brands in the market and some of these varieties have been found to have excess saccharine as an artificial sweetner without any label declaration to that effect; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pan Masala causes cancer, injurious to health; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Pan Masala in different brand names are in the market. Addition of saccharine artificial sweetner is not permitted in Pan Masala. Some Pan Masala samples have been found to contain saccharine. Legal action in such cases have been initiated by the State Governments.

(b) and (c) There are inadequate epidemiological studies on this aspect and it is very difficult to categorcally state that consumption of pan masala is injurious to health.

Death due to Heat Stroke

2716. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH